

Whenever a transition is made towards a "one size fits all" set of regulations like Nebraska did with the Uniform Credentialing Act you risk losing some of the essence of the prior occupations specific statutes. For the most part I feel optometry has retained the "spirit of the law" . If I were to point out one flaw that I see in the current system it would be that the Board of Optometry is not relied on as much as it should be with regards to the development of new statute. The current processes to develop new statutes specifically for scope expansion has become so politicized and time consuming that it doesn't allow any flexibility in the modern world. Healthcare is expanding at a rapid pace and these cumbersome processes that (like the 407 process) creates a system where politicians are forced to legislate healthcare policy. I feel a system where the Board of Health in conjunction with the occupational boards would be a better resource towards building practical medical based policy that would better meet the needs of Nebraska citizens.